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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.51)  
Not Yet Assigned**097529391**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/US98/21378INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
October 9, 1998PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
October 9, 1997

TITLE OF INVENTION Method &amp; Apparatus for In-Line Splitting of Plural Component Fibers &amp; Formation of Nonwoven Fabrics

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Haggard, Jeffrey S. et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1.  This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2.  This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.  This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4.  A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5.  A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a.  is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b.  has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.  A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7.  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a.  are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b.  have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d.  have not been made and will not be made.
8.  A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9.  An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10.  A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:**

11.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12.  An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13.  A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
- A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14.  A substitute specification.
15.  A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16.  Other items or information:

Copy of Form PCT/IB/308;  
Two Small Entity Declarations; and  
International Preliminary Examination REport with replacement pages 28 and 30

Please enter the PCT Article 34 Amendment by replacing original pages 28 and 30 with  
replacement pages 28 and 30.

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0818.0014C47.  The following fees are submitted:**BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5) ) :**

Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482)  
nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO  
and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$970.00

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to  
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International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but  
international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$760.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)  
but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$670.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)  
and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$96.00

CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY

**ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =**

\$ 670.00

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than  20  30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total claims	100 - 20 =	80	X \$18.00	\$ 1,440.00
Independent claims	6 - 3 =	3	X \$78.00	\$ 234.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$260.00	\$

**TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =**

\$ 2,344.00

Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. A Small Entity Statement  
must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).

\$ 1,172.00

**SUBTOTAL =**

\$ 1,172.00

Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than  20  30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

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**TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =**

\$ 1,172.00

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be  
accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property

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**TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =**

\$ 1,212.00

Amount to be: refunded	\$
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a.  A check in the amount of \$ 1,212.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b.  Please charge my Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any  
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

**NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR  
1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.**

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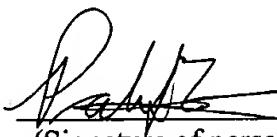
CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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I hereby certify that: a Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning filing of a New U.S. Patent Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Two pages); A copy of International Application No. PCT/US98/21378 including Thirty Two (32) pages of specification and two (2) sheets of Drawings; copy of Preliminary Examination Report with replacement sheets 28 and 30; Copy of Form PCT/IB/308; Two Small Entity Declarations (2 pages each); Check #3675 in the amount of \$1,212.00 for filing fee; Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet; Assignment (2 pages each); and a postcard receipt are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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